AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: GERRIT J. KEESMANM

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Title: BUFFER MANAGEMENT IN VARIABLE BIT-RATE
COMPRESSION SYSTEMS

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 27, 1996, please amend the

above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method of compression for transmission of encoded digital video

signals having a variable number of data bits per image frame, comprising the steps of:

a) detecting a first bit rate of an encoded digital video signal bit stream;

b) sequentially writing the encoded digital video signal bit stream into a buffer at the

first bit rate;

c) deriving a second bit rate as a percentage of the first bit rate, which percentage

changes inversely in relation to changes in the first bit rate; and

d) reading the encoded digital video signal bit stream out of the buffer at the second